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MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
GUN BUY-BACK/GUNLOCK GIVEAWAY



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q. What is the Gun Buy-Back/Gunlock Giveaway program?**
- A.** The gun buy-back program is a proactive campaign to take guns off our streets. The gun buy-back program asks residents to trade in a gun for a \$75 Publix, Wal-Mart, or BJ's gift card at designated drop-off locations. The "no questions asked" program will allow individuals to anonymously dispose of firearms without fear of charges for illegal possession when turning in the weapon at a designated drop-off location.
- Q. Why is Miami-Dade Police Department launching this program?**
- A.** This program is a countywide community effort to address the increase in gun violence. Taking guns off the street is at the heart of violence prevention and we must do everything we can to put an end to the senseless violence.
- Q. What if I do not want to go to a designated drop-off site?**
- A.** Call the hotline number (305) 471-3085. An operator will be available to take your call and arrange for a private exchange the week of October 30, 2006, through November 3, 2006.
- Q. Will I get arrested when I deliver a gun to the designated drop-off site?**
- A.** No. However, you must strictly follow the turn-in protocol in order to receive amnesty when turning in the firearm at a designated drop-off site.
- Q. Do I have to leave my name?**
- A.** No. This is a "no question asked" program, which means you will remain anonymous when you drop-off the firearm.

**Q. What is the protocol for turning in a firearm?**

- A.** In order to receive amnesty for illegal possession at the time you turn in the weapon, protocol must be precisely followed. The protocol includes:
- Guns must be delivered unloaded
  - If depositing ammunition in addition to a gun, ammunition must be delivered in a separate bag
  - If transporting the gun by car, gun must be transported in the trunk of the car
  - After the gun is screened by officers, a gift card will be given
  - Rifles and shotguns will be accepted
  - BB or pellet guns will be accepted; however, no incentive will be issued

**Q. What types of guns will be accepted?**

- A.** All guns will be accepted. Incentives will not be given for BB or pellet guns.

**Q. What is the incentive?**

- A.** The incentive is a **\$75** Publix, Wal-Mart, or BJ's gift card.

**Q. What happens after the gun is turned in?**

- A.** Guns will be sent to the Miami-Dade Police Crime Laboratory Bureau. They will be tested to determine whether the weapon has been involved in criminal activity. If the test is positive, the gun will be retained as evidence, and an investigation will follow. If there are no other holds on the firearm, it will be slated for destruction and melted down to make manhole covers.

**Q. Are Gun Buy-Backs proven to reduce gun violence?**

- A.** Currently, there is no reliable scientific-based research regarding a Gun Buy-Back's direct effect on gun violence. With that said, we do know that if a gun is turned in, it will not be used in a future crime. The buy-back program is only one part of a larger anti-gun strategy. This program demonstrates Miami-Dade Police Department's commitment to **“promote a safe and secure environment, free from crime and the fear of crime.”**